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In re Application of:

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For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF CITALOPRAM,
INTERMEDIATE THEREFOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD
OF THE INTERMEDIATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4 (i.e. immediately after the title), please add the following paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application is a divisional of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/654,768, filed September 5, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-16 and 18-20.